

1. Legend and Overlay Management.

1.1. Legend collapse controls.

Ex 1.1.A.

- Open VB.
- Choose SREF-21 source from Local, 500MB, height.
- Load it up.
- Note that there is only one legend, and that it has a plus sign on the left end.
- Click on the plus sign with left mouse button, note that a legend appears for each ensemble member.

Ex 1.1.B.

- Click on one minus sign with middle mouse button, note this collapses a group of similarly colored overlays.
- Click on another minus sign with left button, note this collapses all legends again.
- Click on plus sign with middle button, note this shows all groups but leaves the groups collapsed.
- Click on any plus sign with middle button, note this expands that group.
- Click on any plus sign with left button, note this expands all legends again.
- Experiment freely for a bit with the collapse controls.

1.3. Toggling.

Ex 1.3.A.

- With SREF 500MB heights loaded, expand the legend.
- Click twice on any legend (not on collapse marker) with right mouse button, note that all legends toggle off and on.
- Click twice on any legend with middle button, note that a group of legends toggles off and on.
- Click twice on any legend with left button, note that one legend toggles off and on.
- Completely collapse legend, repeat last three steps, note the behavior is now the same for all buttons.

Ex 1.3.B.

- With legend completely collapsed, click with middle button on collapse marker.
- Click twice on any legend (not on collapse marker) with right button.
- Click twice on any legend with middle button.
- Click twice on any legend with left button.

1.5. Hiding empty overlay legends.

Ex 1.5.A.

- See to it the SREF 500MB heights are completely expanded.
- Use the left button to toggle one overlay off.
- Use third button popup on a different overlay to change the density to zero.
- Use third button pop-up over display area away from legends to choose the Hide Empty Legends option.
- Note the toggled off and zero density legends disappear, and the small gray "more" appears on top of the legend.

Ex 1.5.B.

- Click on the "more" text, note the empty overlay legends come back.
- Hit the keypad enter key several times. Note that hiding empty legends is now one of the states it cycles to.

1.6. New legend related keyboard controls.

Ex 1.6.A.

- Clear and load SREF Surface Wind Speed from VB.
- Click on the D-2D title bar to get focus.
- Hit the > key a few times, note the density increases.
- Hit the < key a few times, note the density decreases.
- Adjust the density so some but not many contours are visible.

Ex 1.6.C.

- Hit the + (plus) key on the main key board. Note that this toggles first overlay off.
- Continue to hit the + key, note that this rotates the toggle state upward through the legend stack.
- Hit the - (minus) key a few times, note that this rotates the toggle state downward.

Ex 1.6.D.

- Toggle all overlays off with the third button.
- Toggle one group on with the middle button.
- Use the + and - keys, note that now the legends are rotated by group.

2. Function Overlays.

2.1. Basic Concept.

Ex 2.1.A.

- Clear, load SREF Surface Temperature.
- From Volume menu, open and tear away Function Overlays menu.
- Click on the D-2D title bar to get keyboard focus, hit the < key once to get zero density.
- Select Mean from the top part of the Function Overlays menu.
- Turn on loop, see a loop of the mean value among the members of surface temperature.

Ex 2.1.B.

- Expand the legends, toggle off a couple of groups.
- Select the Mean Function Overlay again.
- Note that the result is slightly different; this is because the toggled off members were excluded from the computation.

Ex 2.1.C.

- Switch VB to Time Series major mode, and load up the SREF surface temperature.
- Use the third button popup to change the line style to dotted.
- Load Mean, Max, Min, and Median, note these work for line graphs as well as plan view.

Ex 2.1.D.

- Clear, switch VB back to Plan View major mode.
- Select RUC80 500MB height in the VB, but do not load it yet.
- Change load mode to Seq Ensemble (last on list).
- Load it up, note that every run loads as a separate overlay.
- Turn looping on, load Mean Function Overlay.
- Use third button pop-up on legend for Mean Function Overlay to load that as an image.

2.5. Parametric Functions.

Ex 2.5.A.

- Load SREF Surface 6HR precip, get keyboard focus, and hit < once to make overlays empty.
- Open Ensemble Controls tool.
- In the first minimum field, click the cursor in there, clear it out, type in 0.03, and hit return.
- If the first maximum field is not empty, clear it out and hit return.
- Choose the Ens Rel Freq Function Overlay in the Images section.

Ex 2.5.B.

- Toggle off the Ens Rel Freq image overlay.
- Erase 0.03 from first minimum field in Ensemble Controls tool, replace it with 50, and hit return.
- Load Value of Ens Rel Freq Function Overlay from top section.
- Load Median Function Overlay from top section, note how they compare.

2.7. Histogram overlays.

Ex 2.7.A.

- Load Color Histogram Function Overlay.
- Start sampling.
- If it is difficult finding non-trivial histograms, try toggling back on the Ens Rel Freq image overlay.

Ex 2.7.B.

- Use third button pop-up over display area (not over legend) to activate continuous sampling.
- Put cursor over somewhere with a non-trivial histogram.
- Start hitting the + key, note what happens in the histogram.
- If this is puzzling, expand the legends and keep hitting the + key.

2.9. Recomputing Function Overlays.

Ex 2.9.A.

- Clear, load up SREF 500MB Windspeed.
- Open Ensemble Controls tool.
- Enter 50 in the first minimum field and hit return, making sure first maximum is empty.
- Load Ens Rel Freq Function Overlay.
- In Ensemble Controls tool, change 50 to 75.
- Double click on Ens Rel Freq legend, note that it recomputes with the new parameter.

2.10. Multi-loads and Function Overlays.

Ex 2.10.A.

- Toggle off Ens Rel Freq Overlay.
- Load 10/Median/90. Note that this is three overlays; the value for ensemble relative frequencies of 10, 50, and 90 percent.

Ex 2.10.B.

- Clear the screen, turn on looping.
- Select the Fire Wx item on the very bottom of the Function Overlay menu.

Exercises on weight manipulation in D-2D.

2.8. Assigning weights to ensemble members.

Ex 2.8.A.

- Clear screen.
- Open Ensemble Controls tool.
- Make sure Use Weights option button is on.
- Load SREF Surface Temperature, get keyboard focus, hit < key to zero density.
- Open the Edit Weights tool.
- Make all the weights 100 except make two of them 0, Publish.

Ex 2.8.B.

- Load Sample Weights function overlay.
- Sample, note that weights shown should be consistent with weights entered.
- Load Mean function overlay.

Ex 2.8.C.

- In Ensemble Controls tool turn Use Weights option button off.
- Expand the legends for Surface Temperatures, toggle off same members that the weights were set to zero for.
- Load Mean function overlay again, note that the two versions of the mean function overlays should be the same.

Ex 2.8.D.

- Turn Use Weights option button on in Ensemble Controls.
- Change some of the weights, publish.
- Double click on one of the Mean function overlays, note that it should now be different from the other.